

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****PATENT**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:	Holt et al.	)	
SERIAL NO.:	08/876,839	)	ART UNIT: 2642
FILED:	June 16, 1997	)	EXAMINER: B. Tieu
FOR:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ROUTING CALLS BASED ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE CALLING PARTY OR CALLING LINE	)	

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**PROPOSED OUTLINE OF IN-PERSON INTERVIEW  
TO BE CONDUCTED MARCH 5, 2002**

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Sir:

We would like to discuss the following points during our in-person interview scheduled for March 5, 2002 at 1:30.

- Claim 1 includes, in part, "selecting a routing list from said plurality of routing lists based on the identity of said first originating source; and directing said call sequentially to the directory numbers on said routing list selected."
- In contrast, *Yue* discloses a personal number communications system that assigns a personal number to each subscriber and receives from each subscriber communication routing information in one or more hierarchical lists of destinations based on the time of day and day of week.

- In the November 21, 2001 Advisory Action, the Examiner argued that *Yue* discloses a system in Figure 2 for receiving a call and determining whether the call is a facsimile call or a voice call. However, as stated in *Yue* at column 10, lines 29-31, *Yue* discloses in Figure 2 a system that determines whether a subscriber subscribes to a facsimile service and directs the call to the facsimile service if the subscriber subscribes to the facsimile service. Thus, *Yue* determines whether the subscriber subscribes to a service. In contrast, claim 1 includes, in part, "selecting a routing list from said plurality of routing lists based on the identity of said first originating source," not based on whether a subscriber subscribes to a service. Thus, claim 1 is allowable as written.

### CONCLUSION

The undersigned representative welcomes the opportunity to meet with the Examiner in -person on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss distinctions between the cited art and the present invention. Further, the undersigned representative is willing to entertain suggestions that Examiner may have in order to place the application in a condition for allowance. The undersigned representative thanks the Examiner for his courtesies in examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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